

Show me Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me your paths.
Lead me in your
truth and teach me,
For You are the God
of my salvation...
PSALM 25:4



18 Pentecost
Thursday, September 24, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 27, 2026
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

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Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

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We are grateful you are here!

Thank you for your faithful giving.

Ways to give:

Scan the QR code below or use the “Simply Giving” program to make regular donations from your checking account. Download the form from our website and turn into the office.



The flowers on the altar are given by Tom and Connie Larson in memory of their son Tom.

Announcements

Our **next new members' class** will begin on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:10 p.m. The class will last four weeks. Please let Pastor Bill know if you plan to participate.

Grief share classes begin have started and take place on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. It's not too late to join! Questions? Contact Paula Dusseljee: paula@firstlutheranmuskegon.org or Evie DiPiazza: evie.dipiazza@gmail.com.

There will be a **brief meeting on Sunday, October 4 after worship** for any parents and youth **who are attending the Charge retreat** at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City on November 11, 2026.

The **Listening for the Word** book group resumes today (Sunday) at 6:00 p.m., meeting every other week for six weeks. They will read and discuss "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" by John Comer, a book about hurrying, technology effects, and restoring balance in life. If you would like to join, see either Sandra Fluharty or Jan Naymick (231-744-5601).

Be sure to **check out our bulletin board** for information about our own **Sandy Hutchin's yoga classes** and **massage therapy** business. Let's be sure to show her our support in her new endeavors!

Wednesday night Bible study will begin on **October 7** in the Upper Education Room at 6:10 p.m. Join us as we take a more in-depth look at the texts for the week.

The **end of the summer** has become a time of year when the church **faces financial struggles**. Please remember our church with your generous gifts.

Middle school and High School Youth: Kick off fall around our fire pit today (Sunday), at 6:00 p.m. with some fellowship and devotion, as well as planning for the upcoming year. S'mores, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Questions? See Jeff or Laura Lucht.

We are responsible for **providing meals for Family Promise** families for the week of October 11th-17th. Donations of food items are needed and should be dropped off here at the church by October 11th. **Sign-up sheet** for donations is on the information station by the office.

(more announcements on page 6)

Order of Service

“The Spirit of Christ”

Prelude

Order of Confession (screen)

Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #807 (red)

Greeting (screen)

Kyrie (screen)

Hymn of Praise (screen)

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music “In Christ Alone” **Band**

First Reading **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

Psalms 25 (screen)

Second Reading **Philippians 2:1-13**

Gospel Verse (screen)

Gospel Reading **Matthew 21:23-32**

Children’s Message/Junior Church/Summer Bible Adventure

This week’s noisy offering will be used for Lutheran World Relief to help offset the cost of shipping our quilts all over the world.

Hymn “Spirit of the Living God” #129 (purple)

Sermon

Hymn “Our Father, We Have Wandered” #606 (red)

Apostles’ Creed (screen)

Announcements/Prayers/Peace

Offering/Offertory Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving	(screen)
Holy, Holy	(screen)
The Lord’s Prayer	(screen)

<u>Communion</u>	
“All Are Welcome”	(screen)
“The Trumpets Sound”	#531 (red)
“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”	#818 (red)
“Change My Heart, O God”	#801 (red)
“Taste and See”	#493 (red)

Blessing

Post-Communion Song/Post-Communion Prayer

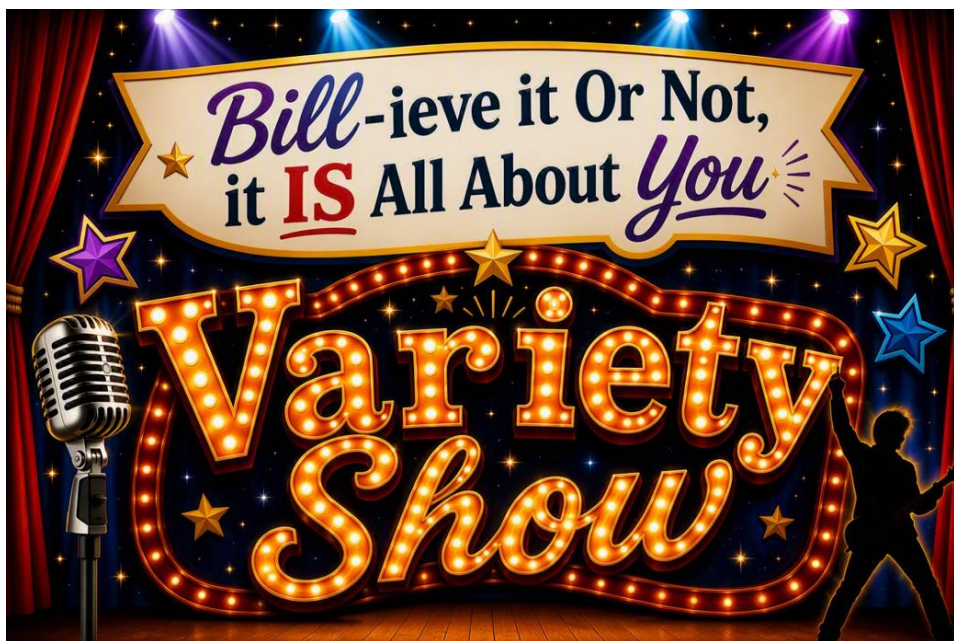
Hymn	“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”	#538 (red)
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Benediction/Dismissal

Postlude

Readings for Next Weekend	(for 10-04-26)
First Reading	Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 80:7-15
Second Reading	Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:33-46

Save the Date!
You Don't Want to Miss This!



- When? Friday, October 9th
- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Where? Family Life Center
- Price is Free!

Look for sign-up sheets at either information station, if you would like to attend. There are also be sign-ups asking for desserts and hors d'oeuvres.

This show is going to be retrospective of Pastor Bill's years here at First Lutheran, including his internship. The celebration will be "All About Bill"!

THOSE WHO SERVE 09/24 and 09/27

Assisting Minister	Joel Dulyea
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Patti Shafer
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Annette Jack, Lori Archer
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Sofia Besteman
Head Usher	Jeff Lucht
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Adam and Matthew Badley Kathryn Hall
Junior Church	Nate Johnston
Song Leaders	Mike Sweet, Phil Sielski
Sound System	Nate Johnston
Information Stations	Lisa Le, Amy Badley
Counters	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Communion Bread	Lisa Le
Communion Set-Up	Lisa Le
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Lisa Le
Coffee Hour Hosts	Evie DiPiazza and Ferskis
Building Lockers	Stewardship Ministry
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Amber Thomas

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/01 and 10/04

Assisting Minister	Paula Dusseljee
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Mary Beth Liskey
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Amy Werling, Emily Lucht
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Peyton Mock, Sadie Thomas
Head Usher	Open
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mark Thogerosn, Ed Wosinski Kathryn Hall
Junior Church	Emily and Elizabeth Lucht
Song Leaders	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System	Jeff Thomas
Information Stations	Gary Hansen, Ruth Basch
Counters	Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins
Communion Bread	Evie DiPiazza
Communion Set-Up	Evie DiPiazza
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Evie Dipiazza
Coffee Hour Hosts	Susan Besteman, Sandy Young
Building Lockers	Congregational Care
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Amber Thomas

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

	Activity	Location
Sunday 09/27/2026		
9:15 a.m.	Faith Formation	Upper Room
9:15 a.m.	Confirmation	Gallery
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir	Lower Music Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m.	Bells	Music Room
12:30 p.m.	Youth & Education Meeting	Gallery
6:00 p.m.	Listening for the Word	Gallery
6:00 p.m.	M.S. and H.S. Youth Bonfire	Fire Pit
6:00 p.m.	Taize' Worship	Upper Room
7:00 p.m.	AA	First Floor Education Room
Monday 09/28/2026		
11:30 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m.	Quilt Group	Quilt Room
3:30 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
7:00 p.m.	Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
Tuesday 09/29/2026 Bulletin Deadline		
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	SHOP Group	Gallery
11:00 a.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
4:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Grief Share Group	Gallery
6:30 p.m.	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Read-through for Scrooge	Sanctuary
9:00 p.m.	Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 09/30/2026		
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	Music Together Class	Lower Music Room
12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Gallery
2:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:10 p.m.	New Members' Class	Gallery
Thursday 10/01/2026		
12:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Gallery
3:00 p.m.	Milwaukee Clipper Meeting	Gallery
4:00 p.m.	Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
4:00 p.m.	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Library
6:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
Friday 10/02/2026		
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	First Floor Education Room
Saturday 10/03/2026		
11:00 a.m.	Memorial Svc. For Mike Hanophy	Sanctuary